

**SAVANNAH'S
ANTI-POVERTY TASK FORCE**

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 23, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Savannah Entrepreneurial Center

I. Welcome and Introductions – Anne Roise

II. Housekeeping – Julie Lamy

- A. Updated Task Force Contact List / Sign-in Sheet
- B. The Fate of the listserve

III. Review Last Meeting

Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives & Strategies

IV. Guest Speakers: Barry Eckert and Letty Shearer of AASU and the Colonias Program

V. Reports from Workgroups

- A. Overview of Fall Event Concept
- B. Discussion about Workgroups and the Fall Event

VI. Information Sharing

- A. Upcoming Task Force member events
- B. Other announcements

VII. Upcoming Task Force Meetings & Venues

April 27	DFCS' new facility
May 25	_____
June 22	_____

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VIII. Welcome and Introductions

Sr. Pat Baber, John Paul Berlon, Alan Bray, Morris Brown, Valerie Brown, Ernest Dailey, Earline Davis, Carole Fireall, Tamala Fulton, Emily Gambill, Julie Gerbsch, Gwen Glover, Julie Lamy, Jackie Ogden, Bernie Polite, Charlotte Rehmert, Anne Roise, Ayris Scales, Letty Shearer, Craig Wallace, Ruthann Walsh, Natalie Walker

IX. Housekeeping

- A. The Task Force contact list was circulated for correction and additions.
- B. The listserv is still the source for past meeting summaries, host presentations, and general Task Force information. The City is working on a webpage accessed through the City's website for the Task Force. The page is set to be in place by the end of April.

X. Review Last Meeting

- A. The meeting summary for February 24 was approved.
- B. The Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives & Strategies were approved.

- XI. Guest Speakers:** Introduced by Task Force member Letty Shearer, Dr Barry Eckert is the Dean of the College of Medical Professions at Armstrong Atlantic State University and the Chairman of the Southeast Georgia Cancer Alliance. The focus of Dr. Eckert's presentation was the Southeast Georgia Cancer Alliance. In May of 2003, it was designated as a 'regional program of excellence' by the Georgia Cancer Coalition. Currently, they are creating an outreach program that will increase cancer awareness and reduce mortality rates. The Alliance is currently developing a 'Lay Health Promoter Program', through which individuals living in the community will be trained to educate their neighbors about the importance of health screenings, especially cancer, as well as disseminating materials and link people to healthcare providers. Although still in the planning stage, the Cancer Alliance hopes to implement pilot programs in an urban and rural setting: the east side of Savannah and near Brunswick respectively.

XII. Fall Event

A. Overview of Fall Event Concept

The Big 75	2.5 hour event, 2-4 weeks prior to fall event	poverty Simulation
		anti-poverty declaration
		identification of 2 reps
Day 1: Symposium	full day (Oct 7?)	poverty simulation for reps
		lunch with keynote speaker, video and the big 75
		break-out sessions by industry = development of community-wide action plan
Day 2: Conference & Public Forum	full day (Oct 8?)	presentation of community-wide anti-poverty action plan
		1/2 day public forums on various poverty-related issues
		1/2 day regional best practice break-out sessions

B. YFA will hold their annual summit in the fall near the anticipated date of the Task Force's fall event. The Task Force addressed concerns over tapping the same audience and overlapping agendas. There was some discussion about integrating both events as poverty is part of the YFA agenda. However, the Task Force agreed that the topic of poverty merited a stand-alone event as this will be the first time the topic will be address on this level. The Ad-hoc committee will coordinate and communicate with YFA throughout the planning process to avoid any conflict in scheduling and agendas.

C. Each subcommittee was asked to do the following

1. Develop a concrete product to be available at the conference
2. Come up with a topic for a break-out session
3. Find a facilitator and/or panel for that session

XIII. Upcoming Task Force Meetings & Venues

Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Fall Conference Planning Day, 10:00am – 2:00pm

St. Mary's Community Center

812 West 35th Street, 447-0578

If you plan to attend and have lunch, please RSVP with Natalie Walker by Friday, April 2. Call 651-3653 or email at Natalie_Walker@savannahga.gov

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

April Task Force Meeting, 10:00am – 11:30pm

Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services

761 Wheaton Street, 651-2211